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In re Application of
George B. Bumiller
Application No. 10/785,134
Filed: February 24, 2004
For: **HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE
HAVING FACILITATED INPUT AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD**

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and MPEP §708.02 (IV) (applicant's age) filed February 24, 2004.

A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a copy of the inventor's passport, which reflects a birth date of January 28, 1935 evidencing that the inventor is over 65 years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

The application file is being forwarded to the examination art unit for expedited prosecution.


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